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ECUADOR.

Report from Guayaquil—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever—Epidemic grippé—Plague at Payta, Peru.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, August 12, as follows:

Week ended August 10, 1904. Present officially estimated population 60,000. Mortality from all causes 44, as follows: Yellow fever, 2; infectious fever, 2; pernicious fever, 1; fevers (without classification), 7; tuberculosis, 6; grippé, 2; enteric diseases, 6; from all other causes, 18. An epidemic of grippé exists throughout Ecuador and yellow fever continues along the line of the Guayaquil and Quito Railroad and in some of the river villages near this city. No case is known to exist in Guayaquil. The deaths reported from this disease within the past two weeks were imported.

Reports received here of the plague situation in northern Peru indicate an increased activity in Payta. Within the past seven days 16 cases and 6 deaths were reported.

During the week 3 vessels cleared, after fumigation, for Ancon, C. Z. On August 6, steamship *Tucapel* en route from Chilean and Peruvian ports, took 5 cabin and 3 steerage passengers from here. On the same date steamship *Ecuador*, a coasting steamer, cleared for Ancon via other ports with the following personnel: Crew 54, cabin passengers 6, all told 60. There were no passengers for Ancon. August 9, steamship *Chile*, en route from Chilean and Peruvian ports, left with 2 cabin and 1 steerage passengers. Twenty-five pieces of baggage were inspected and 6 immune certificates issued during the week. Three stowaways who came ashore from steamship *Chile* have been placed under observation.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Plague and cholera in various countries.

Consul-General Mason reports, August 22, 1904, as follows:

Plague.

Egypt.—During the week ended August 6 there were registered in Egypt 12 fresh cases of plague (with 7 deaths), namely, 8 cases (4 deaths) in Alexandria, 2 cases (1 death) in Zagazig, 1 case (1 death) in Port Said, and 1 case (1 death) in the district of Minieh.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to Bulletin No. 29, of August 1, there have been registered 965 new cases of cholera and 950 deaths.

Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended August 6 was higher than it has been since the end of August, 1901—i. e., almost three years, amounting, calculated on the year, to 22.5 per thousand of the population, as against 16.1 in the preceding week. In spite of this increase, however, only eight of the large cities of Germany showed